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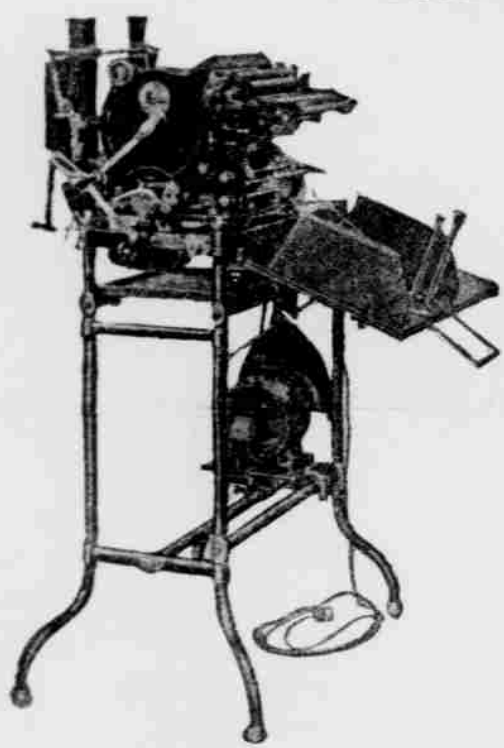
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BIG HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK
CUT TO LAST ANALYSIS.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN ITEMS

Kernels Culled From Events of Moment in All Parts of the World—Of Interest to All the People Everywhere.

Washington

The four-power treaty will destroy the Monroe doctrine, Senator Borah said at Washington, in discussing the agreement which proposes to make the United States an ally of Japan, Great Britain and France.

Approval of 142 advances to banks for agricultural and live-stock loans was announced by the War Finance corporation at Washington. The advances aggregate \$5,089,000, and include Illinois, \$25,000.

Senator La Follette in formal statement at Washington charges railroads, coal, steel and lumber interests with secret attempt to "exploit the American people through the freight rate agreement."

The French delegates at Washington received instructions from Paris to reject the latest American proposals on submarines.

Because of a shortage of funds for fuel the prospective joint maneuver of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets in Panama bay in February and March has been called off at Washington.

Eugene V. Debs told President Harding at the White House at Washington that three years in prison had not changed his convictions.

Eugene V. Debs, America's most noted political prisoner, became a free man on Christmas day. Announcement that Debs' sentence had been commuted, along with the sentences of 22 other political offenders under the war-time espionage act, was made by President Harding at Washington.

France demands a minimum submarine tonnage of 90,000, or an equal with the United States and Great Britain. This was the outstanding fact in the debate on the submarine question at Washington.

The Russian relief bill, appropriating \$20,000,000 to ship corn and wheat to starving peasants of the Volga valley, was signed by President Harding at the White House in Washington.

President Harding at Washington signed the bill extending from January 2, 1922, to January 2, 1923, the time in which claims growing out of the war may be filed with the alien property custodian.

Investigation of retail prices of food, fuel, shoes and clothing in all parts of the country was ordered by Attorney General Daugherty at Washington.

Domestic

Lewis Morris Iddings of Warren, O., long-time secretary of the American embassy in Rome, and prominent in war relief work in Italy during the war, died suddenly at Rome. He was seventy-one years old.

Earl Throst, confessed slayer of Miss Irma Magunson, twenty years old, a school teacher of Dorchester, was sentenced to be hanged on March 9, 1922, by Judge Taylor in District court at Waukon, Ia.

Will Blackburn, forty, well-known planter, died after Buck Outler, a young farmer, struck him over the head with a shotgun during a fight at a Christmas tree celebration at Womble, Ark.

Miss Edna Steller, twenty-two, of Jeffersonville, Ind., was drowned when an automobile plunged into a gully filled with 30 feet of water caused by Ohio river flood waters.

One hundred and seven Christmas gifts, ranging from a bottle of imported toilet water to a \$1,000 bill, arrived at the county jail cell at Los Angeles, Cal., occupied by Mrs. Madeline Obenchain.

While attempting to board a train at Schreiver, after breaking jail at Napoleonville, La., two white men were shot by Deputy Sheriff Landry. One is expected to die.

One automobile bandit was slain and a second seriously wounded in a pistol fight that followed an attempt to loot the office of a real estate firm in West Sixty-third street, near Broadway in New York.

Eleanor Settle has been in a state of "suspended animation" for 53 days at Moline, Ill. Her ailment is a puzzle to the physicians. She recognizes none, but constantly murmurs "mam-ma."

Four men were killed in a gun fight at Ellys, Knox county, Kentucky. The dead are: Russ Baker, chief of police of Barbourville; Tim Pine of Barbourville; Jim Bodkins and his son, Chick Bodkins.

Five men held up and robbed the bank at Pisgah, Ia., and escaped with \$2,100, after forcing the cashier, his assistant and three customers into a rear room of the institution.

Unification of all revolutionary elements in the ranks of America's workers was contemplated by radical delegates gathered at New York, for a convention called for that announced purpose.

The steamship Adriatic arrived at New York from England with more than 7,000 sacks of Christmas mail. She also brought \$3,500,000 in gold co. signed to New York banks.

Harvey W. Church, confessed slayer of Edward Daugherty and Carl Ausmus, was found guilty at Chicago of the murder of the former, and his punishment was fixed at death on the gallows.

Burglars broke into the Mount Wolf bank at York, Pa., and stole \$100,000 in securities from safety deposit boxes. They forced a window and cut through the vault doors with acetylene torches.

Binding Mrs. Dora Malato, wife of a former assistant state's attorney, to a chair in her home at Chicago, and gagging her, robbers ransacked the Malato home and escaped with more than \$30,000.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hearst were the luncheon guests of President Harding at the White House in Washington.

Mason Evans, seventy-five years old, prominent banker, club member and business man, died at his home at Youngstown, O., after a protracted illness.

Rear Admiral Charles Henry Davis, retired, brother-in-law of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, died at his home at Washington. He was seventy-six years of age.

William A. Keichum, former commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died at his home at Indianapolis. He was seventy-five years old. Death was caused by acute indigestion.

Henry Watterson, one of the country's best known journalists and former owner and publisher of the Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal, died at a hotel in Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Watterson was eighty-one years old.

Foreign

The chamber of deputies at Paris voted confidence in the government of Premier Briand by a majority of 177.

The foreign office at London has received the official list of casualties from Cairo. It shows that 11 Egyptians have been killed and 14 wounded and that there have been no casualties among the British troops.

The governor of Madeira has received orders from Paris to prevent the departure from the island of former Empress Zita of Austria-Hungary for Switzerland, according to a dispatch from Funchal.

In New Year's honors to be distributed at Rome by King Victor Emmanuel, General Diaz, who commanded the Italian armies in the World war, will be made a duke, his title being "Duke of Victory."

Nineteen bandits were killed and many wounded when more than 250 outlaws clashed with cavalrymen at Matatapa, territory of Santa Cruz, Argentina. It is said 193 bandits were made prisoner by the troops.

Dail Eireann at Dublin took a recess until January 3, and in doing so showed the relative strength of the forces led by Griffith and Collins for the peace treaty and those behind Eamonn De Valera, 77 to 44.

A Berlin dispatch says Germans who have received Christmas gifts from America find little cause to be grateful and many have refused to accept their packages because of having to pay a heavy import tax.

Premier Briand of France left London for home, after firmly vetoing the proposal of Lloyd George for a conference of five powers over the refusal of Germany to continue payment of the indemnity.

Twenty-three persons were drowned when a Russian icebreaker sank the steamship Saaremaa at Helsingfors.

A presidential mandate was issued at Peking appointing Liang Shih-Yi premier. He succeeds Chin Yun-Peng, who, with his ministers, resigned a week ago.

It is semi-officially announced at Rome that a commercial agreement between Italy and Russia was signed on Monday at the foreign office.

The silent strike of the natives against British rule appears to have exhausted itself, says a Calcutta dispatch.

News Nuggets From Illinois

Springfield.—Co-operative live-stock shipping during the month of November, 1921, more than doubled the business reported during November of 1920 in this state. The comparative figures were received from 172 local co-operative live-stock shipping associations. The 172 associations reported that 443 cars of stock had been shipped in November of 1920 as compared to 957 cars in the same month, 1921. There were 26,922 head of stock shipped in November of last year, according to the reports, as against 72,503 head in November of 1921. The receipts from the 1920 November stock were \$853,670.43 and from stock shipped in November of 1921, \$1,363,650.46.

Chicago.—Practise in a \$100,000 libel suit against the Illinois Staats-Zeitung, a German language daily newspaper published at Chicago, was filed by Blackhawk Post No. 197, of the American Legion. The suit alleges the paper printed an editorial December 15 saying the American Legion was "an instrument bought with British gold to suppress truth, to gag freedom of conscience, to beat down free expression of opinion and to betray American organized labor. The editorial also is said to have asserted the majority of American volunteers "were traitors, vagabonds and bums who placed the American uniform only a shade higher than the garb of the prison house."

Springfield.—When the state constitutional convention reconvenes on January 3, indications are that they will stay in session until the new constitution is placed in definite shape for presentation to the people for referendum. According to several members of the convention who have visited at the capital during the past week, the convention will stay in session for two or three months, and it is hoped that during that time questions at issue may be amicably settled. Whether the convention will plunge immediately into the work at hand or mark time until the six existing vacancies are filled has not been made known. The election will be held on January 23.

Springfield.—Illinois "chime sky" law, which Secretary of State Emerson said has annually prevented the sale of stock, is in fraudulent and doubtful stocks, was upheld by the Supreme court. The test of the constitutionality of the law was made in a case involving a \$300 stock transaction in Rock Island brought by a stock salesman. A purchaser, after investing in some stock, refused to accept the certificates and demanded his money back, claiming that the state securities act had been violated. The buyer won the judgment in the county court of Rock Island.

Lincoln.—The Logan county board of supervisors has appropriated \$800 to purchase markers to be placed along the Lincoln trail through the county. The roads Lincoln traveled in going to the courts of central Illinois during his career as a lawyer will be designated by these symbols. During the antebellum period Logan county had three county seats, Postville, now extinct; Mount Pulaski, and later Lincoln. Lincoln argued cases at all three places.

Iuka.—Three men, said to have been identified as members of the band which robbed the State bank at Iuka on December 29 and escaped with \$16,000, were arrested in Auburn. The men, Edward, Rex and Lester Hall, are brothers. The trio were identified by the Iuka bank employees. The men were taken to Salem.

Belleville.—Twenty-seven coal mines in this vicinity are working on an average of one and one-half days a week. Several others have been forced to shut down entirely, and others report only an occasional day of work. Lack of a market for coal, due to the activity of European mines, is the chief cause assigned for the general depression.

Chicago.—Eight-cent bread was demanded for Chicago households by the council committee on the high cost of living. Bakery prices which cause bread to retail at a price higher than eight cents a pound are unjustified under present conditions, according to the secretary of the committee.

Springfield.—The Andrew coal mine near Cantrall, employing 150 men, was closed indefinitely. The mine is owned and operated by the Springfield District Coal Mining company. Lack of demand for coal was given by the president of the company as the reason for the closing of the mine.

Flora.—Five men, believed to be the robbers who escaped from the State Bank of Iuka with \$15,000 in cash and negotiable paper, were surrounded in a woods by two possees, but made their escape.

Springfield.—State Treasurer Miller announced that interest he has collected on public funds during the first 11 months of the year totals \$754,190.

Urbana.—More than one-third of the 2,067 women students at the University of Illinois are wholly or partially self-supporting, according to an estimate made public by the dean of the women. Clerical and stenographic work in the university offices is one of the most common methods adopted by girls to work their way through college.

Washington.—Manufacture of sorghum molasses among the farmers of this section is increasing. Samuel Leconte grew the largest crop and boiled out 1,500 gallons this season.

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